

Amendments to the claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An optical circuit enclosure enclosing at least one optical circuit or optical circuit component; the said enclosure comprising:
a tray-type container containing ~~the said~~ at least one circuit(s) circuit or component(s) components,
a tray-type closure member having a base with an external surface and arranged with ~~[[its]]~~ the external base surface covering ~~(preferably closing)~~ the said container, the closure member carrying on the opposite side thereof from the container at least one further optical circuit component for connecting the ~~said enclosed circuit(s) circuit or component(s) component~~ to an external circuit or component, and
sealing means providing a moisture-resistant seal between the ~~said~~ container and the ~~said~~ closure member.
2. (Currently Amended) An optical circuit enclosure as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the ~~said~~ sealing means comprises a laminar sheet intermediate the ~~said~~ container and the ~~said~~ closure member.
3. (Currently Amended) An optical circuit enclosure as claimed in Claim 2 wherein the ~~said~~ laminar sheet comprises a metallised moisture resistant layer.
4. (Currently Amended) An optical circuit enclosure as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the ~~said~~ sealing means comprise the base of the ~~said~~ closure member engaging the ~~said~~ container.
5. (Currently Amended) An optical circuit enclosure as claimed in ~~any one of~~

~~Claims 1 to 4~~ Claim 1 wherein the ~~said~~ sealing means provides a moisture resistant seal between the ~~said~~ container, the ~~said~~ closure member and fibre optic connecting cables exiting ~~the~~an enclosed region of the container from the enclosed circuit or component.

6. (Currently Amended) An optical circuit enclosure as claimed in Claim 5 wherein the ~~said~~ sealing means comprises a pair of sealing members and the ~~said~~ optical fibres are located between the ~~said~~ strips and sealed to the strips by the application of heat and/or pressure.

7. (Currently Amended) An optical circuit enclosure as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~Claim 1 wherein the ~~said~~ closure member is attachably/detachably mounted with respect to the ~~said~~ container.

8. (Currently Amended) An optical circuit enclosure as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~Claim 1 wherein the ~~said~~ enclosed circuit or component is a pre-installed and/or pre-fabricated circuit or component installed in the ~~said~~ container during manufacturing assembly thereof.

9. (Currently Amended) An optical circuit enclosure as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~Claim 1 wherein the ~~said~~ at least one further optical circuit or component comprises an optical splitter, coupler, attenuator filter, or other passive and/or active optical component(s) and/or fibre optic cable.

10. (Currently Amended) An optical circuit enclosure as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~Claim 1 comprising at least one further container and wherein the ~~said~~ closure member closes each of the ~~said~~ containers, thereby to provide separate enclosures for respective optical circuits and/or components.

11. (Currently Amended) An optical circuit enclosure enclosing at least one pre-fabricated and pre-installed optical circuit or optical circuit component, the ~~said~~ enclosure

comprising:

a tray-type container containing ~~the said circuit(s) or component(s)~~ at least one circuit or component,

a tray-type closure member arranged having a base with an external surface and with ~~[[its]]~~ the external ~~base~~ surface covering ~~(preferably closing)~~ the ~~said~~ container, the closure member carrying on the opposite side thereof from the container at least one further optical circuit component for connecting the ~~said enclosed circuit(s) or component(s)~~ circuit or component to an external circuit or component.

12. (Currently Amended) An optical circuit enclosure enclosing at least one optical circuit or optical circuit component together with lengths of optical fibre which extend outwards of the enclosure for optically connecting the ~~said~~ enclosed circuit(s) or component(s) to an external circuit or component, the ~~said~~ enclosure comprising:

a tray-type container containing ~~the said~~ at least one enclosed ~~circuit(s) or component(s)~~ circuit or component, and

a tamper-evident closure member sealing the ~~said~~ container around the ~~said~~ enclosed ~~circuit(s) or component(s)~~ circuit or component and the enclosed lengths of optical fibre.

13. (Currently Amended) An enclosure as claimed in Claim 12 wherein the ~~said~~ tamper evident closure member comprises a laminar element sealed to ~~[[the]]~~ an open end of the ~~said~~ container.

14. (Original) An enclosure as claimed in Claim 13 wherein the laminar element comprises a moisture resistant barrier.

15. (Currently Amended) An enclosure as claimed in Claim 14 wherein the ~~said~~ barrier element comprises a flexible sheet having a metallised moisture resistant layer.

16. (Currently Amended) An enclosure as claimed in any ~~of Claims 13 to 15~~ Claim 12 wherein the ~~said~~ laminar element is sealed to ~~[[the]]~~ a periphery of the ~~said~~

container.

17.-18. (Canceled)

19. An enclosure according to ~~any preceding claim~~ Claim 12, wherein the said enclosed optical ~~circuit(s) or component(s)~~ circuit or component is ~~is~~ is ~~at least partly~~ at least partly ~~(preferably wholly)~~ enclosed in a sealed bag-like article which is itself wholly enclosed within the ~~said~~ container.

20. (Currently Amended) An optical circuit enclosure enclosing at least one optical circuit or optical circuit component together with lengths of optical fibre which extend outwards of the enclosure for optically connecting the ~~said enclosed circuit(s) or component(s)~~ circuit or component to an external circuit or component, the ~~said~~ enclosure comprising:

a tray-type container containing ~~the said~~ at least one enclosed ~~circuit(s) or component(s)~~ circuit or component; and

a tamper-evident closure member sealing the said container around the ~~said enclosed circuit(s) or component(s)~~ circuit or component and the enclosed lengths of optical fibre, wherein optical fibres entering and/or leaving the enclosure are sealed between opposed portions of the tamper-evident closure member.

21. (Canceled)

22. (New) An optical circuit enclosure as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the external surface closes the container.

23. (New) An optical circuit enclosure as claimed in Claim 11 wherein the external surface closes the container.